
EXPANDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM (EFCP)

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I. EXPANDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM (EFCP)

Former or current foster care adolescents, ages 18, 19, and 20 are eligible for Medicaid if they were in a state foster care on their 18th birthday.

II. APPLICATION

A. A signed application is required.

B. The child must:

1. Be age 18, 19, or 20,
2. Have been in foster care at age 18 and enrolled in a state Medicaid program.

C. Contact the social worker to verify a child was in foster care on his 18th birthday.

D. Evaluate eligibility for Medicaid programs following the hierarchy below:

1. MAGI, excluding NCHC
2. MAF-M. Do not authorize as medically needy unless the deductible can be met as of the date of the application.

E. If eligible authorize ongoing Medicaid eligibility for 12 months.

F. If ineligible, evaluate for all other Medicaid programs.

G. Send appropriate notice.

H. Evaluate the retroactive period to determine whether there is a medical need.

If eligible during the retroactive period, authorize Medicaid for 1, 2 or 3 months as appropriate.

Refer to Job Aid: [Expanded Foster Care Program](#)

III. RECERTIFICATION

- A. A recertification must be completed at least every 12 months.**
- B. Evaluate eligibility for Medicaid programs following the hierarchy below:**
 - 1. MAGI, excluding NCHC
 - 2. MAF-M. Do not authorize as medically needy unless the deductible can be met as of the date of the application.
- C. If eligible authorize ongoing Medicaid eligibility for 12 months.**
- D. If ineligible, evaluate for all other Medicaid programs.**
- E. Send appropriate notice.**

IV. CHANGE IN SITUATION

When changes are reported, evaluate and take appropriate action.

- A. Individual turns age 21, evaluate for all other Medicaid programs.**
- B. Individual moves out of North Carolina, inform them that they must apply for Medicaid in the state they currently reside, terminate case.**
- C. Send appropriate notice.**